— Productivity— Ratio of Metered energy sale to consumers and total Manpower strength in the circle (executives plus supervisors plus supported staff).

— Billing cycle time (period).

— Feeder outages (Numbers).

— Failure rate of Distribution Transformers (Percentages).

— Consumer complaints (Numbers).

— Complaint disposal time (Period).

— High Tension/Low Tension ratio.

— Average Load Factor on Distribution Transformers.

— Average Power Factor.

In the first instance 25% of the eligible amount was released with the condition that balance 75% would be released after signing of the MoA and prioritization of the schemes. Further releases would be dependent upon the State Electricity Boards/Utilities' adherence to the parameters at per the MoA.

(d) MoA has already been signed with Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Mizoram. Other Sates like Assam and the North-Eastern States (except Mizoram), West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana have agreed to sign the MoA.

Supply of Sub-Standard MIG-21 Spares by HAL

*57. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has supplied sub-standard and uncertified spares to Indian Air Force resulting in a spate of MIG-21 crashes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that HAL is re-exporting quality spares imported from Russia to Algeria and Vietnam,

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken to acquire quality spares by IAF to avoid further MIG crashes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : (a) No, Sir. Spares supplied to IAF by HAL have to pass through quality control checks by Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA), and only after their certification, the supplies are affected.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is authorised by the Russians to export MIG-21 aircraft spares manufactured indigenously or imported from Russia, to 17 countries including Algeria and Vietnam.

(e) All spares acquired by the IAF for MIG-21 aircraft are of specified quality, duly inspected and cleared by DGAQA.

Providing drinking water to all by 2004

*58. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has spent over Rs. 32,000 crores on the various rural water supply programmes so far;

(b) if so, whether more than 20,000 villages across the country are still without drinking water;

(c) whether Government's target for providing drinking water to all the villages by 2004 is not reachable at this speed;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing this scheme; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to implement the scheme for providing drinking water to all by 2004?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from the State Governments till 10-7-2002, out of the 1422664 rural habitations in the country 1274149 have been fully covered (FC) and 132183 have been partially covered (PC) and 16332 Not Covered (NC) with drinking water facilities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.